



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Anthony Tur  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
New England Field Office  
70 Commercial Street, Suite 300  
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Draft NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

Dear Mr. Tur:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency- Region1 intends to reissue the NPDES general permit for discharges from small municipal separate storm sewer systems in the state of New Hampshire. The process of issuing general permits requires consultation with both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA).

EPA-Region 1 requests that FWS review the Region's determination that adoption of the proposed general permit is unlikely to adversely affect any threatened or endangered species of its critical habitat. EPA-Region 1 notes that it previously requested review of this proposed general permit on December 24, 2008, but has modified the draft general permit and is re issuing a new Draft Permit pursuant to 40 CFR §124.6. The Region welcomes any comments your Agency may have on the modified draft permit and would appreciate receiving comments within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

A Notice of Availability for the draft permit was published in the Federal Register on February 12, 2013. If you have questions on this permit, please contact Newton Tedder at (617) 918-1038. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Webster", is written over a faint, larger signature that appears to be "David M. Webster".

David Webster, Chief  
Water Permits Branch

Enclosures